



# CONNECTIONS

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## PORT ROYAL YACHT CLUB Redondo Beach, CA

### A Friendly, Casual, Fun-loving Group Devoted to Social and Boating Activities

#### Port Royal Yacht Club

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#### PRYC OFFICERS

Commodore  
Russ Morgan

Vice Commodore  
Sue Meyer

Rear Commodore  
Sue Meyer

Secretary  
Helen Morgan

Fleet Captain  
Jack Laisure

Junior Staff Commodore  
Dave Coleman

Quartermaster  
Pat Paxson

#### PRYC DIRECTORS

Andy Davidson  
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Treasurer  
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Chaplain  
Carolyn Coleman

Newsletter Editors  
Russ & Helen Morgan

Judge Advocate  
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Website Manager  
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## 2005 Calendar of Events (Tentative)

- February 6... Super Bowl Chili Cookoff
- February 12.....Valentine's Day Party
- March 19.....St. Patrick's Day Party
- April 2.....Club Clean-up Day
- April 10.....Opening Day
- May 7.....Cinco de Mayo Party
- May 27-30...Santa Barbara Island Cruise
- June 18.....Plastic Classic Regatta
- July 4.....Independence Day Barbeque
- July 23-24...Larue Thomas Log Race & Isthmus Cruise
- August 13...California Yacht Club Cruise
- August 27.....End of Summer Bash
- September 17.....Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Cruise
- October 8.....Wine Tasting Party
- October 29.....Halloween Party
- November 19.....Isthmus Lobsterfest
- December 10.....Tree Trimming Party
- December 31.....New Year's Eve Party



A Happy New Year and a super boating season to all our members. On behalf of your new Board of Directors and Officers, we welcome each of you to come and participate in the many activities planned for 2005.

On January 13, 2005, the Board met and agreed on the following goals for 2005:

- Members to be encouraged to participate and volunteer more.
- More monthly parties and cruises than last year.
- Become an active member of Southern California Yachting Association SCYA.
- Amend PRYC's Constitution/By-laws as necessary to agree with current and past actual operation and management.
- Increase membership from current 49 to 60 minimum and 65 maximum for 2005.
- Inaugurate the Plastic Classic Regatta and Concours D'Elegance with the hope that it will become an annual event.
- Our annual fundraiser will take place at our End of Summer Bash.

Helen and I promise to work very hard to insure an enjoyable year to all our members. In turn, we ask for your support and ideas to make it happen.

*Commodore Russ Morgan*

## Vice Commodore's View



- Welcome to 2005! In all the rain hope nobody wished their boat was at home just to get back & forth to the harbor. Our Commodore and Secretary (Russ & Helen Morgan, respectively) have come up with an exciting schedule of activities for this year. Starting with our Annual Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off on February 6, including Valentine's Dinner February 12 and maybe a Whale Watch thrown in for good measure. Next is St. Patrick's Day party March 19, then Opening Day April 9, Cinco (AKA Siete) de Mayo on May 7, Santa Barbara Island Cruise May 27-30, and the NEW Plastic Classic on June 18. AND that's just for the first half of the year. The last half consists of the 4th of July Barbeque on - that's right - July 4, Isthmus Cruise July 23-24, Cal Yacht Club August 13, End of Summer Bash & Silent Auction August 27, Cabrillo Yacht Club Cruise September 17, Wine Tasting Party October 8 (it was so great last year, we're doing it again), Halloween Party October 29, Isthmus Lobsterfest November 19, Christmas Party December 10, and last but not least, our New Year's Eve Party. Please keep reading the newsletter for any changes to these events. Here's to a great year! Sue Meyer



# WE NEED YOU!

It's not too early for all you members to be thinking about how you can contribute to our club. No, I'm not talking about money (this time). I'm talking about your valuable time.

You may have noticed on Page One that quite a few events have been scheduled. In order for these events to succeed, we need sponsors— someone to host the parties, the cruises, the celebrations.

We also need people to man the club for a few hours on weekends during the summer months. For doing this, you are rewarded with a title: Officer of the Day!

To paraphrase a famous quotation, ask not what your club will do for you; ask rather what you can do for your club. Check the bulletin board in the club, and when the sign-up sheets show up, **VOLUNTEER!**



***And, if you don't....well...we know where you live.***

# January Board Meeting

January 13, 2005—Secretary’s Report:

One of our first agenda items was to reconcile our membership roster. With a number of openings for membership this year the board wants to encourage all of you to promote our club.

Please be aware that membership billing will be sent out at the beginning of each month.

January dues notices have already been sent out. If you have email, you will receive your notice that way; otherwise, we will send it out by mail.

Birthday greetings have not been sent out for this month, or last, but look forward to yours in the mail soon.

Three major events are coming up. First, on February 6<sup>th</sup>, we have our famous Super Bowl Chili Cook-off and Officer Installation. The game is great to watch, someone always wins the pool, and the chili is amazing. Second is Opening Day, always a great event. The date and time are not quite set yet, so keep an eye out for the flyer and announcement. Opening Day is a great day to celebrate our club. We often sign up new members at this time, so encourage your friends to come for the champagne celebration, a chance to meet Redondo Beach officials, and neighboring yacht club representatives.

Third is our first official race, the Plastic Classic Regatta and Concourse D’Elegance. We hope to have a band, a vintage boat parade, fantastic food, and impressive t-shirts for sale.

Please put all three on your calendar today. Naturally there are many other events on our calendar and the official list will be published in this newsletter as the board approves them. At this meeting our commodore reported on our SCYA status. We are on the calendar for approval in February. We hope all goes well.

He also reported on his favorite topic, the Plastic Classic. All kinds of great information will be coming your way via this newsletter and posted advertising, keep a look out for it.

Club cleaning was also on our agenda. The board recognizes that, although we try to practice the “Wilderness Ethic”, occasionally we need a thorough club cleaning. Our first is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come and participate, we need all the elbow grease we can get.

All the officers and directors have volunteered to oversee different portions of our yearly club events. These include, social events and protocol, membership, parties, educational seminars, cruising and charity fundraising. All of these areas contribute in making our club successful and we hope that you will volunteer for one or two of these committees.

Helen Morgan, editor and PRYC Secretary

PRYC Net Worth Report	
As of 12/31/2004	
12/31/2004	12/31/2004
Account	Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cap one cd 11-05	5,000.00
Cap one cd 11-06	5,000.00
Capitol Account-Main saving	2,788.29
General Account-Main checking	5,015.65
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>17,803.94</b>
Other Assets	
Quartermaster advance	0.00
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>17,803.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>17,803.94</b>



## A LITTLE HISTORY CONCERNING OUR NAME

Port Royal is located at the tip of a 12-mile peninsula off the southeastern coast of the exotic Caribbean island of Jamaica, overlooking the world's 7th largest natural harbour. This charming town of approximately 1,200 residents was the major trading port and headquarters of Sir Henry Morgan and the ruthless buccaneers in the 17th century, who plundered unsuspecting ships and raided the newly established settlements of the Americas. Storing their ill-gotten treasures at Port Royal, the buccaneers celebrated their victories with raucous feasting and drinking. As the turn of the 17th century approached, Port Royal was to earn a reputation as the "richest and wickedest city in the world", with more cash per capita than London itself! In 1692, Port Royal was struck by a devastating earthquake that plunged two-thirds of the city below the sea, creating the only authentic sunken city - "the Pompeii of the Caribbean" - in the Western Hemisphere. The town was rebuilt by the English and enjoyed its second era of glory as the Empire's major naval base in the Americas during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Today, Port Royal is regarded as an archaeological site of significance in the world, with numerous artefacts unearthed from the Sunken City and magnificent architecture from the 17th to 19th centuries, such as the British forts and the 'Giddy House' - the latter built in 1888 and tilted at a 35 degree angle by an earthquake in 1907. Port Royal is also a favourite 'in place' for locals and visitors to 'cool out', drink beer and enjoy fish and seafood delicacies, prepared with that special "*Port Royal flavour*" by the town's residents - who are very proud of their extraordinary history.

## RECIPROCAL YACHT CLUBS AS OF JANUARY

1. ALAMITAS BAY YACHT CLUB, Long Beach
2. LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB, Long Beach
3. POINT LOMA YACHT CLUB, San Diego
4. QUARTERMASTERS YACHT CLUB, Vashon Island, Washington
5. SOUTHWEST YACHT CLUB, San Diego
6. CABRILLO YACHT CLUB, San Pedro
7. SANTA BARBARA YACHT CLUB, Santa Barbara
8. ARROWHEAD LAKE YACHT CLUB, Arrowhead, CA



**Devil's Dictionary:**

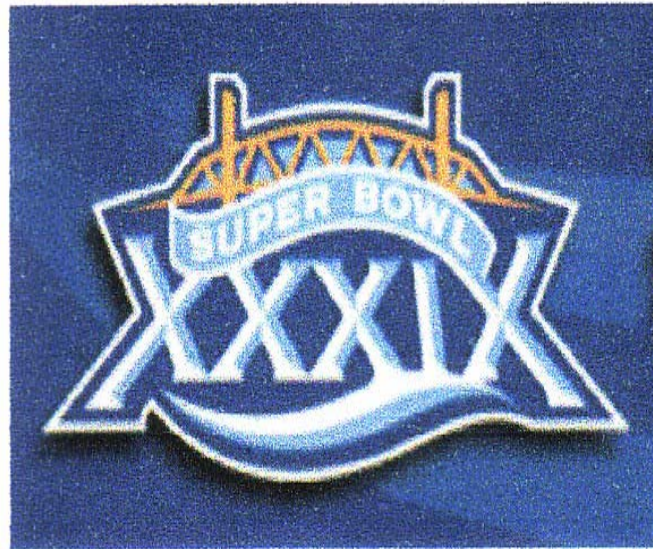
**Yacht Club**

An asylum for landmen

who would rather die of drink

than be seasick.

*H.L. Mencken*



## ***Super Bowl Party***

### ***Chili Cook-Off***



## ***2005 Officer Installation***

***Date: Sunday, February 6, 2005***

***Time: 2:00pm***

***Place: Port Royal Yacht Club***

***Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners!***

